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## The Pilotage Investigation

**More Pilots Give Evidence That They Signed Away Money Unwillingly.**

**Evidence of Mr. Baker Taken at Afternoon Session—Complete Denial of Charge.**

**Arrangements Made With the Pilots Was by Mutual Agreement.**

The enquiry into the charge against Mr. E. Crow-Baker, secretary of the Victoria Pilotage Board, was continued before Special Commissioner R. T. Elton yesterday.

In the morning Pilot Newby testified that he had not received his share of the surplus between 1893 and 1901. He had signed the power of attorney giving this money to Mr. Baker, but said Mr. Baker had prevented him from reading it. In 1902 he got his cheque and cashed it. He claimed that he had signed away the money before because he had been intimidated. In his opinion Mr. Baker had been "the whole thing" in the pilotage board.

Pilot Bebbington was the next witness. He also said that he had signed the power of attorney without knowing its contents. He understood the money was to be invested for the pilots. There was talk about an aged pilot's fund.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bodwell, the witness said that he hoped as a result of this enquiry to recover the money he had signed away.

At the afternoon session the evidence of Mr. Baker was taken. He deposed that he had been secretary of the pilotage board from 1895. He became a commissioner on the death of Mr. Finlayson in 1892. Capt. Meyers resigned in order to take a better job, the captaincy of the Danube. His resignation had nothing to do with the surplus money. For a time there were only three commissioners previous to the appointment of Mr. B. B. Hall and Mr. Robert Ward. It was not true that he prevented Pilot Bebbington from reading the power of attorney before signing it. Witness believed he was not present at the time. He never exacted the formation of any fund for the pilots' benefit. The pilots were in the habit of consulting him as a friend on various matters. He had never intimidated the pilots in any way. In the fall of 1895 witness spoke to Pilot Thompson about the pilotage fund. Witness said that he was thinking of resigning the secretaryship as the salary was not sufficient. He intended to resign at that time. Thompson said, "For God's sake, don't do that. What will become of us?" Thompson also asked him to take no action for the present, as he would speak to the other pilots and see what could be done. Later Thompson came to him and said that he had taken the matter over and the pilots had decided to give witness the surplus money. The surplus amounted to \$900 or \$1,000 a year. Witness thanked Thompson and said they would have to give him some authority. Mr. Thompson said, "You know, we are not businessmen. You draw up some document." He then drew up the power of attorney, which subsequently was signed by the pilots.

He never heard anything about the investment of this money. It was given to witness as a free gift. He gave the power of attorney to his clerk to be signed by the pilots. His impression was that only two of the pilots, Thompson and another, had signed in his presence. This was in 1895. He drew the money under the power of attorney and put in receipts therefor. On August 11, 1900, when Mr. Stumbles came out to investigate, he had a conference with the pilots. Witness told them he wanted everything to be put in order and asked them to give him their own receipts in the place of those he had put in for them under the power of attorney. One of the pilots, Bucknam, hesitated for a minute or two before signing. There was no suggestion made that there was anything improper in that course. In 1900 he made a change in the method of squaring accounts. He then started paying the pilots on the 5th of each month by cheque. In that year Mr. Bucknam took his cheque on one occasion and said that he had signed in the house, and the cheque would be more use to him than witness. Witness said that the money was Bucknam's if he wanted it. Witness added that if the pilots were not unanimous he would not accept any of the money. Subsequently he informed the pilots that the arrangement was at an end. In that year Bucknam's share of the money amounted to \$224, or thereabouts, and he offered to give witness \$15,000 to make the total for witness exactly \$1,000. Witness declined, remarking he did not want \$15 from Bucknam. At the commencement of the board witness got \$12.50 a month. Two years and a half later the board got into good shape, witness received \$400 a month, and he would give the pilots. When the jurisdiction of the board was reduced so as to include only Victoria and Esquimalt he received \$600 a year. Witness produced a statement showing the amount he had received from September 21, 1895, to October 31, 1904. Without the money received from the "surplus fund" his receipts averaged \$50 a month for the whole period. Including what he had received including the surplus money in dispute between 1893 to 1899 amounted to about \$6,437.19.

The witness described the manner in which disputes or complaints were heard by the board. His duty was to read the documents put in and swear the witnesses. It was not true that he "dominated" the board. He would give an opinion if it was asked for, but he was not the only nautical man on the board. Mr. Rithet was one of the members of the board and was Lloyd's agent here, and quite able to deal with matters dealt with by the board. It was absolutely untrue that witness dominated the board.

Cross-examined by Mr. Martin, witness said that on June 25, 1879, he was awarded all of the ten per cent by the commissioners. That continued from July 1, 1879, to December 31, 1889. Then his salary was fixed at \$600. There was no direct arrangement by which he was to receive anything further, but it was understood that he was to receive 10 per cent of the Puget Sound money. A resolution allotting that 10 per cent was passed in 1885. The additional remuneration he received had not been submitted for approval to the Dominion government. Subsequently to 1889 the money was annually voted by the commissioners to be distributed in the usual way, that is allotting 10 per cent to witness. The commissioners' fees were 10 by 25 each meeting. These fees were abolished in 1897 on the strength of a letter from Ottawa saying that there was no provision in the Act. He did not

receive a notification from the Government that he should not draw his ten per cent. He believed he took the ten per cent for the last time in 1896. The change of Government in 1896 had nothing to do with the change in the method by which he received the money. In 1891 and other years he furnished the pilots with a statement showing the amount received and how best it was to be distributed in the usual way. This money was paid over as directed. It was not returned to him. Cheques produced. The transaction between witness and the pilots was perfectly honorable and straightforward. He got receipts from the principal in place of those signed under the power of attorney because he considered that a more complete and satisfactory arrangement. He did not think that he was induced upon to sign Mr. Stumbles' power of attorney. This money was given him by the pilots by private arrangement because they desired to retain his services on the board. It was not an official arrangement and had nothing to do with the government inspector.

Asked what he would have thought if one of the other commissioners had accepted a present from the pilots, witness said the case would be different. He was secretary and constantly working with and for the pilots. He preferred not to give an opinion on a hypothetical question.

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This concluded the cross-examination of Mr. Baker. The commission adjourned until 10:30 this morning.

## Last of the Mohican.

London, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio says: "The commander of the third squadron reports that the Sevastopol's bow, which had previously sunk three feet and further, sunk this morning."

One of the torpedo boats which attacked the Sevastopol has been missing from 1:30 p. m. yesterday to 3 a. m. today.

Six torpedo boats have attacked the Sevastopol, the Otavshai and another ship. Details have not yet been received.

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## Hotel Men Had Narrow Escape

**Failure to Comply With Strict Letter of Law Almost Closed Hostilities.**

**Nanaimo Licensing Board Takes Common Sense View of Situation.**

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 15.—Just how near Nanaimo came to being a prohibition town for six months is a secret locked in the breasts of the license commissioners of this city. For five fateful minutes last evening they debated behind closed doors the question whether or not a technical breach in the whole of the applications for renewals of licenses would invalidate them and consequently postpone them until the June sitting, with the result that the hotel would all be closed for the next half year.

The situation had arisen in this way. Some time ago the council passed a by-law making it necessary for the men who hold to apply for renewals every six months. This was done for the first time last June. On the present occasion, however, everybody forgot about it, and the applications were all late. Mr. Young argued that it was a mere technicality anyway, but the board seemed inclined to take a serious view of the matter and finally retired to deliberate on it. When they returned, after keeping everybody concerned on the benches for a little time, they told Mr. Young that they would adjourn for a week in order to legalize the notices, and that when they met again he must bring all his clients with him. Twenty-two hotelmen went there, and the second place every man on board, except the cook, was to receive his pro rata share of the proceeds when the cargo was sold. It was not by any means a fly in their ointment that they had left two of the New England boats up at the banks with only 5,000 pounds of fish between them, although one had been there longer, and the other almost as long, as they had themselves.

The steamer Dauntless arrived here yesterday with 75,000 pounds of halibut on board and a very happy crew. The Dauntless is the steamer chartered by the government for the fishery men who left the employ of the New England Fish Company owing to a dispute as to wages. They were happy for several reasons. To begin with they had secured a big catch and had only one day's fishing to go. They had a second place every man on board, except the cook, was to receive his pro rata share of the proceeds when the cargo was sold. It was not by any means a fly in their ointment that they had left two of the New England boats up at the banks with only 5,000 pounds of fish between them, although one had been there longer, and the other almost as long, as they had themselves.

Handle 15,000 Wounded.

Mukden, Dec. 15.—The Red Cross Society has established a thorough system of stationary and movable hospitals and depots extending as far west as Irkutsk and throughout the whole of the Ussuri district. They have taken care of 15,000 wounded at one time and are capable of handling even more. Supply stations in the rear of the fighting zone have been several hundred thousand men. The Red Cross Society has furnished enormous quantities of linen, shoes, tea, sugar, tobacco, cigarettes, lemons, meat, pipes and needles.

## Inefficient Field Guns

**London Times Publishes Some Startling Facts Concerning the Artillery.**

**Two Years Before British Army Will Have a Modern Equipment.**

**Batteries Bought in Germany During Boer War Only Effective Guns.**

London, Dec. 15.—Commenting on the condition of the British artillery, the Times today, in an editorial, says: "The thinking portion of the public will find some cold, tardy consolation in the article we publish today upon the re-armament of artillery. It appears that with good luck we may hope to see the army provided, two years hence, with artillery fit to oppose that which other nations have provided."

"That in our case, only we have no eighteen batteries of quickfiring guns, hurriedly bought in Germany during the Boer war, the British army has no guns that would seriously count in a modern war. Our field artillery would be hopelessly outclassed in range, accuracy and rapidity of fire, which means simply that our batteries would be knocked to pieces before they could inflict any serious damage on the enemy."

"What's more, our infantry would be compelled to remain on the defensive because the artillery would be powerless to provide conditions for a successful advance."

"We have again and again pointed out without avail that the government of this country is carried on without scientific direction. Even in those departments most obviously and directly dependent on scientific progress, this country follows the procedure of that edible invertebrate, the lobster. The lobster at intervals casts his shell, and until a new one grows is absolutely helpless and has to conceal himself in a hole."

"That in our case, only we have no shelling hole. We get equipment usually in a hurry and at an abnormal cost and assume that that is the last word of science. We take no note of what science is doing until some fine day we discover that our equipment is as worthless for defence as Nelson's wooden walls would be against a modern ironclad."

## TOLSTOI OPENS BOOK STORE.

Moscow, Dec. 15.—Count Tolstoi has opened bookstores here and at St. Petersburg and is offering to provide village libraries with books at cheap prices.

## GENERAL WHITESIDE DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Brigadier-General Samuel M. Whiteside, retired, who had command of the department of Santiago during the Spanish war, died suddenly in this city today.

## VON PLEHVE'S SECRET ORDER.

New York, Dec. 15.—At St. Petersburg despatch to the World says: Minister Von Plehve's secret ordinance that no American be granted a concession for building or furnishing a railway in Central Asia has been annulled by Prince Svatolik-Mirsky's order. It is reported that the prince intends to annul all the restrictions to free trade where Americans are concerned.

## KING EDWARD'S GIFT.

St. Bernard Monks Receive Piano to Replace One Given by Mother.

New York, Dec. 15.—A Milan, Italy, despatch to the Herald says that King Edward has just presented the monks of the Great St. Bernard monastery with a magnificent new piano to replace one given them by Queen Victoria half a century ago.

## SAD HOMECOMING FROM HONEYMOON

**Funeral of Marie Drole Takes Place Just Eight Weeks' After Wedding.**

New York, Dec. 15.—According to the Herald two months after the marriage of Marie Drole of New York and Louis Bustoanby, at which he had been present, the Rev. John C. York was again asked to read the prayer, this time, not of rejoicing, but of mourning.

After their marriage the young couple spent six weeks in traveling over Europe, at the end of which time Mr. Bustoanby was suddenly recalled to New York on important business. His bride in company with a sister, remained at Ginekin, North Brabant, in the Netherlands.

Hardly had he left his wife when the latter received news of her husband's death from pneumonia, after an illness of but two days.

The body of the young bride has been brought to New York, and the funeral just eight weeks after the wedding will take place today at Huntington, L. I., in the Roman Catholic church.

## DEMAND BLACK SEA FLEET.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—The Novoe Vremya this morning again prints a long letter in favor of sending out the Black Sea fleet to the Far East. The article lays stress on Russia's alleged right to use the Dardanelles purely and simply as a passageway, since there is no other exit from the Black Sea.

## AGITATION IN POLAND.

A 10-Government Demonstrations Daily in Warsaw and Troops Disaffected.

New York, Dec. 15.—A Berlin despatch to the Times says: "Telegrams received here are to the effect that the agitation in Warsaw continues and that anti-government demonstrations occur daily. The movement extends to the highest military circles and many officers, participants in the revolutionary propaganda were recently arrested and imprisoned in a fortress. The troops of whom whose term of service is at an end, will be compelled to serve until next Easter or later owing to the mobilization. The socialists are taking full advantage of the situation by pushing their campaign."

## GENERAL KAULBARS ARRIVES.

Harbin, Dec. 15.—General Kaulbars, commander of the third army, met with a hearty reception on his arrival here today. There are twenty-two hospitals each with 180 beds, here. There are many cases of typhoid fever.

## ARMIES FROZEN UP.

Mukden, Dec. 15.—The Japanese column on General Oyama's right, which General Remenkamp recently drove back to the Taisho river, is again reported to be mounting northeast and strongly holding the Sindingao Sanchang region. They also occupy Sindingao, on the south bank of the Taisho river, and are guarding the bridge, which is no longer of any importance owing to the freezing of the river. The extreme cold keeps things quiet along the front. The distribution of warm clothing to the troops is practically finished.

## TO REIMBURSE STUDENTS.

Oberlin, Dec. 15.—President King of Oberlin college has announced that friends of the college had taken steps to reimburse students who had suffered loss by the recent bank failure.

## Singular Co Incidence

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 15.—Special votes opened yesterday added to the election day results gave H. D. McEwen, Conservative, a majority of one vote over Premier Peters.

Earlier reports had given the result of the legislative election in the island province as a complete sweep for the Liberals, under Premier Peters, a brother of Mr. Fred Peters, of this city. It would appear from this despatch that the chieftain of the triumphant party alone has met defeat.

## VISITING CHIEF JUSTICE.

Judge Falconbridge, of Ontario, Impressed With American Methods.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Herald this morning says: "W. G. Falconbridge, chief justice of the King's Bench of the province of Ontario, was an interested visitor yesterday in the United States court, and sat for a time on the bench with Judge Adams in the District court and listened attentively to the trial of a case involving the question of automobiles going on and off the ferry boats under their own power. The chief justice was introduced to the other justices and Commissioner Shields."

"I am very much impressed with the manner in which justice is dispensed in these courts," said Chief Justice Falconbridge, "and like the very expeditious way the judges have of handling their cases. There is not as much economy in their courts here as we have. We wear gowns, but do not wear the wigs that are still used on the bench in England and British Columbia."

## Accounts Are Now Balanced

**Fearful Losses in Capture of 203 Metre Hill Has Its Compensation.**

**Destruction of Russian Fleet Repays Japanese for Wholesale Slaughter.**

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 15.—The Russian battleship Sevastopol, the only Russian warship that escaped destruction, being docked when the other vessels were sunk after the Japanese captured 203-Metre hill, escaped from the docks and harbor last night and is now anchored under a protecting mountain. Some torpedo craft are also outside of the harbor.

The tremendous price in life paid by the Japanese for the capture of 203-Metre hill has been redeemed by the utter destruction of the Russian fleet.

The Japanese fleet will now go into dock.

Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203-Metre hill. The soldiers of the city are deserted, and but few soldiers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shattered.

The shelters of the harbor present a strange appearance with the turrets, masts and funnels of warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and buildings on the water front are torn and burned.

The Japanese shells screech over every part of the city and harbor.

The Japanese are working their advantage on the shores of Pigeon Bay. A comparatively level ground against the Talyankow, Idzchan and Antzeshan forts. The approaches to the fortifications are easy, but the forts are enormously strong and the near approach will be all the more difficult as the sapping of trenches will have to be done through frozen ground.

The naval guns mounted on 203-Metre hill will be able to cover the advance of infantry against any of the western forts.

## FATAL EXPLOSION ON U. S. BATTLESHIP

**Manhole in Boilers of Massachusetts Blows Out Killing Six Men.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Four men were instantly killed, two were probably fatally injured, by an explosion on the United States battleship Massachusetts at the League Island navy yard. The men were working in the engine room making repairs to the big screw, when a manhole blew out. All of the men were terribly burned and mangled. There were half a dozen men injured.

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## SWISS CONFEDERATION.

Berne, Dec. 15.—The Bundesrat today elected M. Ruech, vice-president of the federal council, to be president; and M. Forrer, minister of commerce, industry and agriculture, to be president of the confederation for 1905. Both men are radicals.

## J. Israel In The House

**Mr. Tarte Will Occupy a Seat In the Press Gallery This Session.**

**Liberal and Conservative Whips Contend for Fair Allotment of Seats.**

**Row in Servants Hall at the Government House Creates Scandal.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Mr. Tarte is spending a couple of days in the capital. He will represent La Patrie in the press gallery the coming session.

The next meeting of the Supreme court to deliver judgment will be January 31st.

The Ottawa Free Press has been served with a notice of trial in a libel suit instituted by Mr. Latchford. About a year ago the Toronto papers announced a settlement of a libel action by withdrawal, but no such announcement was authorized. The defence by the Free Press and denials of any libel have already been filed.

In a libel suit tomorrow application will be made to examine the ballots in two polls in Frontenac, where it is believed the trick ballot boxes were used.

Mr. Calvert, M. P., chief Liberal whip, and Mr. Taylor, M. P., Conservative whip, were in conference today with the sergeant-at-arms over the allotment of seats in the chambers of the House of Commons. Seventy-four Conservatives have been elected, with a view to possible increase in the near future, were seventy-eight seats set apart for the purposes of the opposition. Mr. Calvert is only disposed to consent to seventy-six and wants the best seats on the opposite side for his friends. Mr. Taylor is putting up a hard fight to retain them. It is said that Mr. Calvert, M. P., would not be unwilling to accept the speaker'ship of the House of Commons and that his chances have gone up during the last few days.

Premier Laurin has written to Hon. Mr. Sifton stating that he intends to be in Ottawa the first week in January to take up the question of provincial autonomy for the Northwest Territories.

Three new immigration agencies are to be established by the interior department in the States, viz.: Boston, Pittsburg and Syracuse.

Abdons Martineau, who has been serving a term in prison for forging government checks to the amount of \$10,000, was brought to Ottawa to give evidence in a suit brought by the government against the Bank of Montreal, together with the Quebec, Sovereign and Royal Banks as third parties. Martineau was on the stand two hours and then collapsed. A further hearing had to be postponed. He admitted he lost \$4,000 in stock speculations.

As a result of a row at a farewell dinner given by the servants of Rideau Hall to a number of the Dominion policemen, two policemen have been dismissed. The affair was hushed up and only leaked out through the dismissal of Constables Castonary and Devitt. It is said some thirteen or fourteen men were engaged in the melee.

Canada will not participate officially in the exposition to be held in Portland, Ore., next spring to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of the explorers, Lewis and Clark.

Geo. Goodwin is kicking at the conditions the government seek to insert in the National Museum contract and may throw the job up.

A letter has been received at the Governor-General's office from St. Etienne, France, signed by four young women, ages from 20 to 25, asking for information as to a statement they read in a newspaper that a number of young men of "your colony" were desirous of marrying. They want to communicate with these gentlemen and say they belong to highly respectable families. They ask a reply by the first week of January. The address is given.

## CHANGE IN THE MANAGEMENT

**General Manager Kirby of War Eagle Mine Resigns His Position.**

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 15.—James Cronin, director of the War Eagle, Centre Star and Rossland Power Company, is in town on a visit and announces that Edward B. Kirby has resigned the general management of these companies in order to attend to his private affairs and to take up his residence in Vancouver. Cronin further stated that this has long been expected, as the directors were informed as early as last spring of Mr. Kirby's desire to leave at the first opportunity and of his intention to be upon the completion of the work in hand. His successor has not been appointed, but will be announced later.

## PHILIPPINE ADMINISTRATION.

Washington Dec. 15.—The senate spent practically the entire day discussing the Philippine administration bill. A number of amendments were proposed and debated, among them being provisions relating to railroad bonds, mining locations, and tariff rates. Under unanimous agreement the vote on the bill will be taken tomorrow and the disposal of all amendments will occur at the same time. A formal order to enter on the Swayne impeachment proceedings was adopted, but it did not fix a day for beginning the work.

## PATHETIC TRAGEDY.

Discouraged by Fruitless Hunt for Work New Yorker Commits Suicide.

New York, Dec. 15.—After trudging through the snow from one end of the city to the other in the hope of securing employment and with his wife and six children without food and ordered to leave their home in a tenement house because of non-payment of rent, John Corcoran, a clerk, today ended his life by drinking carbolic acid. "I'll be back home with better news," he told his wife. Early this morning Corcoran returned, went to the kitchen and with one word raised a bottle of carbolic acid to his lips. His wife tried to take it from him and a struggle ensued in the presence of his little ones, in which the man finally consumed the acid and drank poison, when an ambulance surgeon arrived he was dead.







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With Every Dol-  
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### Xmas Sale "Extras" for Today

Profits ignored, cost prices lost sight of, for the sake of bigger business.

**Index of Today's Bargains.**

Regular Price	Price Today
Belts, each	75c
Belts, each	50c
Baby Bonnets	75c
Batterberg Squares	125c
Beardskin Coats	\$6.50
Cashmere Hose	30c
Dressing Sacs	\$1.75
Elderdown Sacs	\$1.75
Fur Collarettes	\$11.50
Fans, each	\$1.50
Golf Vests	\$1.25
Girls' Dresses	\$2.50
Hand Bags	\$1.25
Jackets, each	\$12.00
Line of a d k e r- chiefs	10c
Pattern Hats, up to	\$17.00
Pillow Shams, each	40c
Stock Collars up to	\$1.50

**The Hutchison Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C.**  
December 16, 1904.

### Halibut And The Songhees Reserve

#### Board of Trade Wrestles With Two Very Important Questions.

Yesterday evening's meeting of the board of trade was a protracted one, and at times of an exceedingly lively character, a warm debate being engendered over the report of the committee which has been appointed to look into matters affecting the halibut industry. Mr. Lugin, chairman of the Songhees reserve committee also submitted an important report bearing on that question.

Before commencing regular business President Pitts explained the statements made by Messrs Marpole and Greer of the C. P. R., respecting the various rumors involving transportation changes. Mr. Marpole had said that the interview with himself appearing in yesterday morning's Colonist was correct.

Secretary Elworthy reported the result of the finding of the committee appointed on fisheries as follows:

Resolved, That after hearing the evidence of the local fishermen and of Mr.

hook and back into the sea. Then again sometimes there will be a very large one on the hook, and the dory is pretty well loaded. I have seen them out of the hook because they would load the dory too much. I was not surprised to see that Mr. Spratt did not think there was any fishing going on inside the 3-mile limit, as the captain of the Kestrel told him he had never seen any; but we all know the captain of the Kestrel can see nothing, but I have been in company with American vessels, and fished inside that limit, and one day our dories were so close to the hook that I mistook one of their dories for one of our own, until I got close to it and saw my mistake. I had just returned from the fishing ground last February, and had spoken about the halibut fishing in the house, and I intended to see you, but before I had a chance the house dissolved. There is a lot to know about the halibut fishing, and I would like to see it preserved for our own people and Canadian vessels used. The way it is now, if a captain or engineer is wanted on either the New England or Kingfisher, the two New England company's boats, you must be an American citizen. I hope to see you sometime before the local house meets again, and I can tell you a good deal about the halibut fishing.

**GEORGE MARCHANT.**

Mr. Morley regretted that the evidence of the fishermen was not forthcoming as was promised. The whole question proper and could be submitted. He presented certain facts which he had collected bearing on the case. Mr. Morley criticized the evidence given by Mr. Spratt on behalf of the New England Company. He pointed out the fact with him that there were more halibut in the Alaskan than Canadian waters, nor that no fishing was done within the three-mile limit. He thought it worthwhile to note that Mr. Spratt said that the catch was \$400,000 pounds last year, and that the average earnings of the fishermen was over \$2,000 per year. They were using our harbors for the curing of their fish, which they could not do if they had their headquarters at Victoria. The evidence of Mr. Spratt should imply an investigation by the government. Mr. Morley read in support of his view letters which had been forwarded him from a gentleman in Vancouver, who had large experience in fishing matters in the Bay of Fundy, at St. John's. The evidence of Mr. Spratt should imply an investigation by the government. Mr. Morley read in support of his view letters which had been forwarded him from a gentleman in Vancouver, who had large experience in fishing matters in the Bay of Fundy, at St. John's.

Mr. Paterson said there was a wrong impression in the minds of many. The halibut was not all caught in Canadian waters, but in neutral waters. If the company fished within the three-mile limit, the Kestrel should not after them, that was what the vessel was for. But if we could get many more companies fishing in neutral waters so much the better for Canadian ports. As it was now Canadian fishermen were benefiting largely from the operation of the New England Fish Company. It would be very ill-advised on the part of the board of trade to act hastily in this matter. If Mr. Morley was looking for a grievance, why did he not effect the question of the lumber industry, which was in one notable instance on Vancouver Island, being operated by Americans, and the product of the forest being shipped out of the country. Continuing, Mr. Paterson said it was ridiculous to raise this halibut unless it could absolutely be established first of all that the laws of the country were being evaded.

After some further discussion, replying to Mr. Spencer, Secretary Elworthy, which was to be effect that the Dominion government be requested to investigate the whole question.

The council on a vote was given time to report.

Mr. Oliver, after an uproarious quarter of an hour, explained that the council was in dealing with a difficult question, and while it could be technically wrong in not submitting a resolution to the meeting, all were desirous of dealing properly with the question, and he urged that the council be given the additional time suggested.

Mr. Morley then proposed the following substantive resolution:

Whereas, The halibut and other deep sea fisheries of the Canadian Pacific are of even greater importance to the Dominion than the salmon industry, and are systematically developed, are capable of supporting a large additional white population on this coast, and

1. To make a complete study and survey of the fisheries, and of the industry as it now exists.

2. To make a similar study and survey of the markets and means of transportation.

3. Of a system of co-operative storing, curing and marketing fish under similar encouragement and supervision as in dairy-farming, etc., to enable the individual fisherman to benefit equally with his larger competitor in the disposal of his products.

C. H. Lugin, chairman of the Songhees reserve committee, then presented the following report:

Gentlemen—The joint committee of the City Council and Board of Trade appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the Songhees Indian reservation, beg to report as follows:

In the year 1901 the Hon. James Dunsinuir, as premier of British Columbia, and the Hon. Mr. Tait, then minister, and were informed by them that the letter of which a copy is annexed and marked "B", was the last communication on file with the provincial government in regard to the reservation.

Your committee directed the undersigned to wait upon Mr. Dunsinuir as suggested by Mr. McBride, and requested his

Worship the Mayor to accompany the undersigned.

The undersigned in company with the Mayor therefore called upon Mr. Dunsinuir on the 13th inst., and in the course of the interview Mr. Dunsinuir stated substantially as follows:

About the time the E. & N. railway was completed, and when the late Sir John Macdonald was in Victoria, an arrangement was entered into between Sir John and the late Hon. Robert Dunsinuir, as president of the E. & N. Railway Company, whereby the company was to acquire the land south of the railway to be used by the railway company for terminal purposes, but Mr. Dunsinuir was to secure the council of the city to the east side of the land, but no progress has yet been made in that direction.

Mr. Dunsinuir wishes to carry out the understanding above mentioned, and if he is able to do so, the railway company will remove its offices and terminal grounds to the land that will be thus acquired, and thereafter the lands of the E. & N. railway will be sold to the city, and the land south of the railway to be used by the city for the sale of the railway bridge, and the terminal grounds north of the harbor, but they do not think such negotiations can be advantageously carried on by such a body as the present committee.

The committee therefore recommend that the City Council be requested to appoint a special committee to deal with the matter, and that this committee be discharged.

**"A"**

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2, 1904.

Proposal re Songhees Reserve.

(1) The Dominion of Canada to surrender, absolutely, to the province all their rights to the nineteen acres set for the use of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway as a right of way; and to so much of that part of the Songhees reserve as lies north of the present traveled Esquimalt road and east of the Craigdon road.

(2) The Dominion of Canada to be authorized to sell the residue of the reserve and apply the proceeds, together with such moneys as they have in hand attached to this reserve, to the rehabilitation of the Songhees Indians upon another reserve satisfactory to the Dominion, to be provided for by the Province, the Province to have the reversion in any surplus available over and above the cost of such rehabilitation.

**"B"**

Ottawa, 13th June, 1901.

Dear Sir—Referring to your letter of the 2nd February last with regard to the removal of the Songhees Indians from their reserve at Victoria, I beg to state that the Superintendent-General's understanding of the proposal which was made by you and Mr. Roberts at the time of your interview on this subject, was to the effect that the Dominion government would surrender absolutely to the province of British Columbia two portions of the reserve, one marked on the attached plan by an enclosing line in red, consisting of 25 acres, the other marked by a green line, consisting of 17 1/4 acres; that the remainder of the reserve would be sold, and the proceeds of the sale together with the moneys already standing to the credit

of the band would be utilized in removing and rehabilitating the Indians upon the new reserve, such reserve to be furnished by the provincial government free of cost in return for the land which the latter would receive, and the reserve to be satisfactory to the department. The Dominion government would under this agreement absolutely own the new reserve, but if there were any surplus moneys after rehabilitating the Indians, as proceeds of the land, the province would retain its reversionary right to such surplus.

I would be glad if you would let me know if the above is a correct statement of the proposal made by your government in this relation as submitted to the Superintendent-General at the time that you discussed this matter with him. I may add that Mr. Sifton is desirous to have the matter settled on the lines suggested, and with that end in view Mr. Vowell, the Indian superintendent at Victoria, has been asked to take the necessary steps to have the arrangement carried out if possible. He will no doubt place himself in communication with you on the subject at once.

(Sgd.) JAS. A. SMART.

Deputy Supt. General.

The Hon. Jas. Dunsinuir, Premier of British Columbia, Victoria, B. C.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Lugin urged that some person should be in charge of the matter with power to act. He had no doubt that a satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at with Mr. Dunsinuir. It was not desirable that a correct statement should have a monopoly of terminal facilities on the reserve, and as the government of Canada was willing to sell the central portion of the reserve, the city should acquire it, and in this connection he suggested that the council approach the government with an offer to purchase the central portion. All Mr. Dunsinuir wanted was sufficient room for his terminals. Owning that in a position to negotiate with Mr. Dunsinuir for the acquisition of the bridge, the extension of Comorant street, and the securing of terminal facilities on the reserve for other companies.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Morley suggested that the mayor be requested to call a public meeting to consider the question. A motion was passed to this effect.

The board then adjourned.

**RUSSIAN REFORM.**

Czar Dismisses Proposed Manifesto With Special Council.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—A special council was held today at the senate of Koscio under Emperor Nicholas, at which the president of the ministerial council, M. Witte, Minister of the Interior, Sviatopolk-Mirsky and Minister of Justice Muraviev discussed the question of reforms. It is understood that the Emperor advised with them on the subject of a manifesto which will be published on December 16th on the occasion of His Majesty's name day. This document, it is believed, outlines a policy of cautious conservative reform.

Canadian Edition.—The Christmas number of the Windsor Magazine, being No. 1 of Volume 1 of the new Canadian edition, is just to hand from the publisher, the Toronto News Company. This particular number of this particularly popular English magazine is a most noteworthy production artistically as well as in its literary features. The illustrations are as near perfection as the printer's art can make them, while the table of contents shows contributions from such writers as Rudyard Kipling, Egerton Castle and Rider Haggard.

### Good Piece Poor Attendance

"Princess Chic" Played by a Clever Company at Opera House Last Night.

Best Comic Opera Victorians Have Seen for Many Seasons.

Surely the cleverest, brightest, prettiest comic opera Victorians have seen and heard for many a day—such, in brief, was the verdict of the delighted audience last evening as they came from Victoria Opera House, after the performance of "The Princess Chic." As usual when there is anything of stealing merit ordered at the Victoria Opera House, especially of late, the attendance was miserably small, although all that could be desired as regarded critical ability and appreciation.

The libretto, which is by Kirke La Shelle, is full of American extravagance; and plenty of liberty is taken with history. The author has gone to "The Cloister and the Hearth" for a good deal of his "coloring," and has succeeded in almost reproducing the inimitable soldier of fortune, Denis, with this: "Courage, mes amis, Le diable, est mort," and the borrowing from Shakespeare is somewhat more than palatable, but the play is none the worse for the "rogues in buckram" and other excerpts. It is not, however, to historical allusion, or to mere romance, that the comedy trusts for success, but to the clever use of American slang terms as really admirable, while the patter songs and comical "situations" kept the audience literally in roars of laughter. Strictly speaking, there is not a pretty woman in the company, that is, so far as features go; and good voices are also scarce; but Miss Brandin, as the princess, and Miss Caroline Lum, as the daughter of the steward, certainly deserve the praise so generously bestowed upon their work. Miss Lum, as the princess, would be an interesting experiment. The real work of the piece fell upon the shoulders of Mr. Jack Henderson, whose "steward to the duke" would be very hard to beat. Messrs. Thomas and Callahan, swagging soldiers of fortune, made a sort of Weber and Fields' team not without merit. Pompadour, "steward to the princess," was a trust for success, but to the last evening, owing to the existence of some feeling between certain members of the company, especially the ladies. But there was amply sufficient without those pieces to satisfy the audience to the fullest extent. The company deserved the best house Victoria could turn out, and the only consolation is that the quality could hardly have been better represented than in that limited audience.

It is rumored that a new and a fast steamer is to be placed on the route between Seattle and Bellingham. This craft is at present at San Pedro, but if business justifies will be brought to the Sound and put in commission. This route is being covered by several large steamers now, about 2,000 tons of freight each month being handled. It is intended that the new steamer will give daily service between ports, leaving Seattle at night and returning, leaving Bellingham in the morning.

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THE C. P. R. AND THE VICTORIA TERMINAL.

The assurances of the C. P. R. officials given to the people of Victoria through the Colonist yesterday were very gratifying. That corporation was needlessly dragged into the consideration of the situation in connection with the Victoria Terminal, and for an evident purpose. The fact that the latter has decided to give up its passenger connections by way of Sidney to the Mainland has nothing to do with the C. P. R., and it was decidedly unfair, especially at the present time when that corporation is carrying on works of public benefit on so large a scale, to spread rumors of its intention to monopolize the trade to the detriment of the interests of Victoria. That could only have been done to frighten the ratepayers into an arrangement with the Victoria Terminal for continuing its services. The question of whether the Victoria Terminal is entitled to the bonus which was voted for it, or any part of it, is one which should be decided on its own merits, and without any reference to the C. P. R. We are not, therefore, surprised that the officials of that corporation should feel indignant at being dragged into the discussion on assumptions that are wholly unfounded. Let the C. P. R. be ever so arrogant, cold-blooded or unscrupulous in its dealings with the public, it has certainly been treating Victoria very fairly and we have heard no complaints of late of any kind whatsoever. When it is treating us fairly we should treat it with equal fairness. It is argued that the fact of the Victoria Terminal bonus being voted and the service being established has had the effect of making our relations with the C. P. R. satisfactory. That may even be so; but it has nothing to do with the present circumstances.

It must be remembered that the peculiar conditions under which the ferry bylaw was carried have ceased to exist. At that time Mr. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, had a definite intention of building the V. V. & E. Railway, at least some portions of it, and its completion was dependent upon the Dominion subsidy being granted in addition to that of the Provincial Government. The people then expected Victoria to be the terminus of a new railway, or rather one of the termini of the Great Northern. The negotiations subsequently carried on with the Government proved to be abortive, and what was then a scheme of unusual importance has ceased to exist owing to the V. V. & E. project having fallen through. The Great Northern has now what is only the remnant of a former policy on its hands, and it has proved unprofitable. We trust that if the V. V. & E. project is revived, or a new project put on foot, that the ferry between the Mainland and Sidney will be restored in some form, and that with the development of the Island through railway and other works there will be work for both of the ferries to do and sufficient to tax them to their fullest capacity. In the meantime, so far as the Victoria Terminal is concerned, the question to consider is has it legitimately earned the subsidy voted? Is it justified, in view of the fact that the traffic is insufficient to make it pay, even with the addition of a subsidy? The C. P. R. is not a factor in deciding that question in any sense.

WANT US TO COME IN OUT OF THE COLD.

American editors, and we presume many of their readers have very superficial ideas about Canada. We find this in the Chicago Chronicle:

Canada must see the handwriting on the wall when she takes a look at her recent import statistics. Although her tariff gives England a differential of 25 per cent, we sell her 60 per cent of all she buys and England only 25 per cent, and our sales to her were two and a half times as great in 1904 as they were in 1895. How long under such circumstances, will it be before she comes in out of the cold, and why should Sir Edward Clarke object to our calling ourselves "America"?

It is quite true that with the preference so much in favor of the British merchant and manufacturer that the trade balances are very much in favor of the United States. There are two things to account for that. In the first place, the United States manufacture a great many things which suit our requirements better than English-made goods of similar classes. In other words, the United States manufacturers have greater adaptability and understand our wants better. In the second place, the need of adequate protection in many lines is apparent. Lying alongside of us and having many things in common with us, the Americans manufacture many things we want and the way we want them. The number of United States settlers in the Northwest of recent years has greatly increased this demand. The fact the Chronicle overlooks is the tremendous increase in the value of home-made goods and of home consumption through the prosperity we have enjoyed and the rapid development that has taken place. To meet this demand the United States manufacturers have been "cramming" their goods in the Canadian market. The inference that Canada is in the cold because of the statistics quoted is entirely astray. Nor has she any desire to enter the fold along with our neighbors, and enjoy the exclusive distinction of being "American." That title we have as much right to claim as they have, but we are content to be known as Canadians.

Reverence to the failure of the British manufacturers to keep pace with the Americans in our markets, even with a preference in their favor, it is not an economic condition such as Goldwin Smith would urge, which accounts for it. It is not a geographical, but a commercial reason. The British manufacturer has not yet grasped the idea that to secure the market in Canada, which the commodities afford him, he must study the requirements here and supply the

goods that the people want. He will persist in manufacturing goods in the way which he thinks we ought to have them. This does not apply to all classes of goods, because there are many lines in which the British manufacturer is still supreme but to many kinds of machinery and implements in daily common use in this country, and which are supplied more to our taste from the other side of the line, and for the simple reason that they know our wants, which are similar to their own, better than the English people do.

Then as we have said there are many inequalities in the tariff, which the tariff commission to be appointed by Mr. Fielding will fully enquire into. This will result, no doubt, in many more industries moving from the United States to Canada. The list of these already in the country is very large and rapidly growing. The Chronicle need not hug the delusion that Canada is suffering from the present condition of affairs.

SENATOR TEMPLEMAN AND BETTER TERMS.

There was an enthusiastic banquet at Dunsmuir on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., at which a number of representative Liberals were present. There were some very good speeches made. That by Senator Templeman was an improvement in tone on the speech he made in Victoria, but the same in spirit. He spent most of his time discussing the question of Better Terms, in explanation of his remarks on the previous occasion referred to. He tried to give another meaning to his language than was obviously the inference by every person who listened to his speech or read the reports in the Times and the Colonist. At Dunsmuir he said all he meant was that the question of Better Terms was safer in the hands of the Liberals than in the hands of the Conservatives. It is difficult to know what is meant by such language in connection with the Provincial administration if it is not at once a threat and a bribe to the electors. Senator Templeman made a very important admission just before this explanation, and, to use the language of the report in his own paper, it was as follows:

"The rearrangement of the financial contracts between the Province and the Dominion was a very important matter, and it was not improbable that the whole question would be dealt with at the time of the creation of new Provinces in the Northwest."

We are glad to see Senator Templeman accept the suggestion made by the Colonist as to the appropriateness of taking up the subject at the same time the formation of the new Provinces is being considered; but the thought that will strike any reasonable person is, if the question "is a very important one," why should it be safer in the hands of a local Liberal than a local Conservative administration, except on the assumption that the Government at Ottawa is not disposed to consider our rights when placed before it for consideration by a government, the members of which happen to be Conservative. Is it necessary to turn the Government out in order that the Province should get justice? Now that Senator Templeman has publicly acknowledged the importance of the question, he must either be willing to admit the political immorality of the suggestion he has made as to the steps necessary to have it considered, or to accept the situation as it is and press for a settlement irrespective of the political sympathies of the local administration. So long as a government remains in power it represents the Province and the people of the Province. Its right to remain in power is determined by the support it receives in the Legislature. Senator Templeman's meaning is only too evident when he contrasted the results of the voting in the Provincial and Dominion elections in order to show that if the people had voted the same way in the former as in the latter, there would now be a majority of twenty-nine Liberals over the Conservatives in the local House, and his conclusion was: "Thus, it appears, the better terms the people of the Province can themselves provide, can easily be procured." There can be only one inference drawn from such language, and while it is not so bluntly expressed as on a former occasion, it is not less significant. Boiled down into cold English, it means "turn the McBride Government out, and do for the local Legislature what you have done for the Dominion House of Commons, and everything else will follow as a matter of course." If we accept that proposition, then there is an end to representative government. The principle is at once established that the government of the Province must be in accord with those at Ottawa in order to have recognition. The principle applies to railways, or immigration, or irrigation, or fisheries, or anything else in which the interests of the Province have to be considered by the Dominion authorities. Mr. Bodwell has called attention to the remarkableness of such a proposition emanating from a Liberal leader, and the arrogance with which it is paraded as a menace to the local Government is being commented upon very generally. If political dominance of a party is to determine every issue, then the vaunted liberty of the people under responsible government is very much of a travesty. If such a doctrine had been enunciated while the Liberal-Conservative were in power at Ottawa, Senator Templeman would absolutely have burst with indignation. The sequel goes to prove that he never at any time appreciated or understood the principle of Liberalism, for which he boasts of having so long stood as champion in this Province.

The Lancet, the great English medical journal, has placed the limit of alcohol a man may safely use in a day of twenty-four hours at one and a half fluid ounces. That is the point up to which it may be available as a food and not which it becomes a poison. That is an average ration. There is no absolute rule in the matter, as the oxidizing capacity of some persons is greater than others, and a good deal depends upon employment, and environments. Even as a food, Lancet says, it cannot be regarded in the sense of a true reparative. It is at best a producer of heat and energy—and then frequently at the expense of healthy cellular activity, while its cost from the point of view of actual food value has been calculated to be eight times more than of bread.

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## CHRISTMAS PHILOSOPHY.

Philadelphia Post.  
Then Yule remember me.  
Christmas levels all ranks.  
Celebration is the chief of time.  
A fair exchange is no certainty.  
One good gift deserves another.  
Provides a lesson to the way of words.  
Never out a gift clear in your mouth.  
Presents make the heart grow fonder.  
Gifts show which way the wind blows.  
A friend in need is a friend at Christmas.  
The proof of the Christmas is in the eating.  
A gift in the hand is worth two on the tree.  
It is more expensive to give than to receive.  
A man is known by the Christmas he keeps.  
You must understand before you are understood.  
One touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin.  
A present is not without honor save in your own family.  
A little Christmas now and then is relished by the wisest men.  
Take care of the holly and the mistletoe will take care of itself.

## A WITTY COMPLIMENT.

Toronto Globe.  
Pope Pius X. is good at compliments. It was a good witicism to call King Edward VII. "King of the whole world, as the sun never sets on his dominions."

## THE PURITY BRIGADE.

Brooklyn Times.  
Among the ill-white delegates at the Grit convention in Toronto, who passed resolutions of "purity" was Editor Bremner, of Bancroft; B. O. Lott, a fugitive from justice; Volpe Magistrate Harriet, and George Weese, all alleged to be implicated in the frauds.

Doctors Said That  
Lumps and External  
Swellings Would Turn to  
Running Sores.

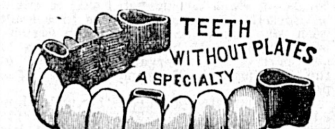
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### LOCAL NEWS.

#### FIXTURES FOR TODAY.

- 2:30 p.m.—Closing exercises at North Ward, Central and Collegiate Schools.
- 8:00 p.m.—Social by warrant officers. Work Point Barracks.
- 8:00 p.m.—Annual meeting B. C. Hockey League at Balmoral Hotel.
- 8:00 p.m.—Meeting of Board of Hospital Directors.
- 8:00 p.m.—Stock companies at Redmond and Crystal Theatres; vaudeville at Grand and Savoy Theatres.

**Macabees' Sale.**—All ladies who have been preparing articles for the sale of the Ladies of the Macabees are requested to send them to Simmond & Coker's new store, Fort street, this afternoon after 2 o'clock.

**Social at Barracks.**—The members of the Warrant Officers', Staff Sergeants' and Sergeants' Club announce a social to be held in the Pines Court, Work Point barracks, commencing at 8 p.m., this evening.

**Police Court.**—In the Police court yesterday Henry Dupre was charged with vagrancy and was remanded. The same course was pursued in the case of a Chinaman accused of an infraction of the revenue tax bylaw.

**School Accounts.**—Supt. Eaton of the city schools requests all those having accounts against the public schools of Victoria to forward the same to him at his office in the City Hall before Saturday, the 24th inst.

**Police Court Clerk.**—W. J. Dowler, city clerk, has given notice that applications for the position of clerk of the Police court, accompanied by testimonials and references, will be received until Monday, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m. Applicants are requested to state whether they are stenographers or not. Salary at the rate of \$65 per month.

**Girls' Closing.**—Though there will be no formal closing exercises, the principal of the Girls' Central school announced that the school will be thrown open to visitors all day today. In the assembly hall of the old High school building a short programme of Christmas carols will be rendered. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

**South Victoria Licensees.**—At the meeting of the South Victoria license commissioners yesterday, hotel licenses (renewals) were granted to J. W. Rowland, Burnside hotel; Arthur Slater, Central Oak hotel; J. Chamberlain, Wilby hotel; E. M. Ewing, Victoria Gardens hotel; John A. Virtue, Oak Bay hotel; John Camp, Prairie hotel, Saanichton.

**Birdsedge Walk Case.**—The application by Mr. Lindsay Crease on behalf of Mrs. Cameron, for an order of the Supreme court quashing the Birdsedge Walk bylaw, came up before Mr. Justice Martin yesterday. Mr. W. J. Taylor, K. C., and Mr. Bradburn represented the city. Argument was heard and judgment reserved.

**Vancouver Boy's Success.**—Charles Frederick Hector Steele, 2,531 Quebec street, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, son of Mr. William Butler Steele of Winnipeg and Vancouver, has successfully passed the examination in bookkeeping set by the University of Cambridge, England. Mr. Steele has the unique privilege of being the first boy born in Vancouver after the fire. He was trained at the Pitman Business College, Vancouver.

**Mrs. McDowell's** social dance this evening Labor Hall, Douglas street.

**Williams & Co. for Fancy Vests.**

**Dent's Edition of Shakespeare at Hibben's.**

**Williams & Co. for Christy's Hats.**

**H. H. Abbott, 81 Government street,** is the man to see before purchasing your tickets to the Old Country. He is agent for all lines.

**Nister's beautifully illustrated Juvenile Books at Hibben's.**

**Williams & Co. for Ties and Cravats.**

**Xmas Present—A Gramophone to the lucky users of White Swan Soap.** Ask your grocer about it.

**Attractive Programme.**—The programme of the breaking-up concert to be given by the pupils of the North Ward school this afternoon, will include, amongst other attractive numbers, a new romance composed for violin and piano by Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, and will be played by Miss Leonora Black and Miss Gladys Hewlings.

**K. of P. Meeting.**—Tonight Par West Lodge No. 1, K. of P., will confer the amplified rank on several candidates, besides some other very important business. As the amplified rank has been practicing for some time, and Bro. Hendricks will introduce some new features, a rare treat is in store for those attending this meeting.

**Congratulates Colonist.**—The Colonist celebrated its 47th birthday yesterday. This makes it a very ancient journal in the West. We heartily congratulate our old friend, the Colonist, being the oldest of us all and yet as young and vigorous and prosperous as any. Floreat "Colonist."—Nanaimo Free Press.

**Amateur Orchestra.**—A very successful rehearsal was held by Mr. Longfield's amateur orchestra last evening in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. There was a good turnout of very promising players and success is assured the organization. It was decided by those present that a general meeting be held the first Thursday in January, at which time the players will be selected, so as to work the society on a thorough basis.

**A Drainage Difficulty.**—William A. Luney, who resides on property adjoining the North Ward school, has had cause for complaint the last few days, his cellars having been flooded owing to water flowing in from the school grounds. The laying down of the century sewer walks has interfered with the ordinary operation of the drainage system and the matter of remedying the same is now being attended to under the supervision of the city engineer's department.

**School Holidays.**—Today all the local public schools will close for the Christmas vacation. Only a few of the schools will have closing exercises. This afternoon Miss Russell, principal of the Spring Ridge school, has arranged for an appropriate and attractive programme. This evening entertainments will be held under the auspices of the North Ward and Victoria West schools. Sample's hall has been secured for the Victoria West concert.

**Gullin-Borgeson.**—On Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Springfield avenue, Victoria West, the marriage took place of Capt. C. J. V. Gullin and Miss Ida Borgeson, daughter of the late Augustus and Mrs. Borgeson, the Rev. W. MacKae conducting the service. The groom was supported by Capt. A. H. Olsen and the bride by Miss E. M. Olsen. After a honeymoon trip to the Sound Capt. and Mrs. Gullin will reside in Victoria.

**False Impression.**—An impression seems to have got abroad that the participants in the little row on the street the other day in front of the Metropolitan block, came out of the Windsor. As a matter of fact, they did not. The Colonist mentioned the incident as being taken place in front of the Windsor and it had no intention of creating the impression that the row had anything to do with the Windsor. As far as none of the participants had been in the house during that day.

**Manual Training.**—The boys of the upper classes of the High school, under the direction of their manual training instructor, Mr. Bims, have, during the term just closing, made a large number of pieces of apparatus for the science laboratory of the school. These will be exhibited this evening on the occasion of Supt. Robinson's lecture, and will be well worthy of inspection. Many of the articles made by the boys are in daily use in the laboratory and serve the purpose of more expensive apparatus that would otherwise have to be purchased. The boys take a great interest in thus contributing to the furnishing of the laboratory and are planning much more work of similar kind for next term.

**Elected Officers.**—At the meeting of the Esquimalt Liberal Association the election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Ralph Smith, M. P.; president, H. Bullen; first vice-president, H. Bullen; second vice-president, H. Holgeson; Metcalf; third vice-president, Jas. A. Baird, San Juan; executive committee, C. G. Duncan, T. H. Piper, A. J. Potts and Geo. Babbington, Esquimalt; H. E. J. Neeson, J. A. Baird, Port Renfrew; Henry Fisher and A. E. Wilson, Sooke; H. Y. Holgeson and W. Wittle, Metcalf; Geo. Bezanon and Jos. Shaw, Colwood secretary-treasurer, C. C. Metcalf. A motion of censure was adopted by the meeting.

**That Genuine Mackerel.**—The first genuine mackerel ever reported in British Columbia waters, caught by an employee of the Nanaimo Fish Company, a fortnight or so ago, has been presented to the Provincial museum, and now occupies an advantageous position in the museum. A cast will shortly be made, but the fish itself will also be preserved. Mackerel are found in almost all parts of the world, but have not been known hitherto to frequent British Columbia waters, although they have been plentiful off the California coast. Within recent months lonely specimens have been taken at Bamfield creek, at Nanaimo and at Clayoquot, and it is hoped with some reason that these may prove the advance heralds of large schools of this famous food fish and a new and important provincial industry arise in connection.

**"Pretty Peggy's" Return.**—It only remains for a few more Victoria lovers of a good play to attest their feeling in the matter by putting their names on the guarantee list at M. W. Waitt & Co., or telephoning to that firm in order that Miss June Corcoran and her capable company of players may be induced to give Victoria a return engagement on Thursday evening next. The management of the company fully appreciated the cordiality of the reception given their play on Monday evening, and, having open time, met a general request for a return engagement, a promise to oblige if a subscription list amounting to \$350 showed that the people of this city are really desirous of a repetition. About one-half of the guarantee was obtained yesterday, and the remainder should easily be secured today. All who saw "Pretty Peggy" last Monday are agreed that it is one of the prettiest, best mounted and best acted attractions of the season.

**Radium and X-rays.**—Last evening, at the I. O. O. F. hall Bro. C. E. Stevens, of Dominion Lodge gave an interesting address on the X-rays and Radium, accompanied by demonstrations, which was listened to attentively by the large number of Old Fellows present. The subject, which is very little understood by the average mind, and in a brief notice it is impossible to convey much information to the general reader. In the series of experiments conducted Mr. Stevens was assisted by the grand of the lodge, Mr. Hawkins (Stevens & Hawkins, electricians), and perhaps one of the most interesting of their demonstrations was a current of electricity passing through a glass tube held against his side. A small particle of radium was exhibited and passed around with the lights out, so that its luminosity which is very close to that of the address Mr. Stevens was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks for his very interesting address and the great amount of trouble to which he had gone for the purpose of providing an instructive entertainment for his brother Old Fellows.

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The tableaux representing the various sports of the school will be unique and interesting, while the historical and poetical tableaux and scenes cannot fail to charm lovers of good literature.

The motion songs, by both boys and girls, are beautiful and expressive. The good night song, by twenty-two little girls, should be seen by every lover of children.

Prof. Haynes' orchestra will assist to make this the best children's concert ever given in the northern part of the city.

The proceeds will be devoted to the extension of the excellent school library.

The concert will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. The programme is as follows:

Orchestral selection; military drill, twenty boys; "Santa's Honeymoon," twenty-two children; motion song, "Sons of Canada," eight girls; club swinging, eleven girls; "Christmas Stockings"; violin solo; "Good Night" (song); twenty-two girls; tableaux, Longfellow's statue of "Justice," "The Jockey Club"; intermission; orchestral selection; dumbbell drill, twenty boys; "Christmas Fairies" (song and march), twenty girls; motion picture, "The Jockey Club"; intermission; orchestra; Christmas carol, sixteen girls; barbell drill, twelve girls; vocal solo, Mr. Waddington; tableau, "Football"; "God Save the King."

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The photographs which were so highly commended at Tacoma, and won two first prizes at the recent Westminster exhibition, are on view now at Savanah's entrance, Fort street, Five Sisters' block.

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The Dickens' Plates in Cobalt Blue have a charming pictorial effect. Scenes from David Copperfield and Coaching Days, and the price is 35c. each at Weiler Bros.

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### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Grafton vs. Victoria United. Farewell, Victoria United. We are sorry to leave you now; we have just had a very good game, and to England we must plough.

We are sorry news came so sudden. As we thought we had a chance to capture football "honors," if you look at "results at a glance."

We have proved ourselves victorious, of that there is no doubt. The boys in blue are always there. When Victoria wants knocking out.

We played you once last season. But were sorry to make a draw. We had very good lads that were absent.

And that is what made us score.

We have played you once this season. United though you would be avenged. But the tables were turned, you see.

You have tried to beat the Navy. But you know it wouldn't wash. You have tried to beat the Army. But the Garrison knew it was hush.

Farewell, Victoria United. Good players though you may be. But you have always found Jack as good on land.

As has proved himself at sea. —Wilson, late H. M. S. Grafton.

Victoria District Football Association. An executive meeting of the above association was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 8 p. m., when delegates were present from Victoria United, the Garrison, Victoria West, and the Victoria East.

The President, Rev. W. W. Bolton in the chair, and Mr. T. G. Wilson, the secretary. The games for Saturday next were arranged as follows:

No senior league match. The Garrison and Victoria United played the Garrison and H. M. S. Bonaventure at the canteen at 3 p. m.

Intermediate league match, Victoria vs. Capitals, at Oak Bay, 3 p. m., C. Hanbury referee.

Junior league matches: St. Louis College vs. Victoria West, Beacon Hill, 1:30 p. m., L. Tait, referee. North Ward vs. High School, Beacon Hill, 3 p. m., C. Goodenough, referee.

Mr. J. G. Brown reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Duckers, of the Victoria District Football Association, stating that the benefit matches had been arranged and carried through, stating that whilst appreciating very fully the kindness of the action, he felt that he could not accept the money raised on his behalf.

On Monday the \$71 he donated towards the purchase of a Vancouver Island championship trophy. This will be a substantial beginning. The president stated that he had written the following letter to the clubs at Nanaimo and Ladysmith:

Victoria, Dec. 8, 1904. To the Secretary-Treasurer Association Football Club, Nanaimo, B. C.—Dear Sir: A joint resolution relative to football matters was adopted by your own club and that of Ladysmith, through Mr. Freeman, by the secretary of the V. D. F. A., in the hope that it would come before your delegates on December 10. No reply having been received, and a need of immediate action being imperative, I am directed by the executive of the V. D. F. A. to write to you personally, to request you to bring the matter of the formation of a Vancouver Island football Association before your club. We shall be glad to hear:

1. If your club will fall in with the proposal.

2. If so, will your club name two delegates to attend a meeting for the purpose of forming a Vancouver Island football association.

3. Will it be convenient to your delegates to meet our delegates in this city; or would you prefer to meet us halfway at Duncan's.

As we propose to have the series of games start at once after the 1st of January, we suggest the date of meeting to be Saturday evening, December 17th. In the event of no reply being sent to this communication by Wednesday next, the clubs in the V. D. F. A. will, without your valuable co-operation, proceed to meet at the date of meeting.

Kindly address reply to Mr. T. G. Wilson, care of Turner, Beaton & Co., Wharf street, Victoria, B. C.

W. W. BOLTON, President.

The secretary having received no reply the executive decided that a meeting should be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on this Saturday evening, the 17th inst., at 8:15 p. m., to organize a Vancouver Island football Association.

On the subject of the formation of a provincial league, the president was instructed to write to Mr. Timms of the mainland league, asking that three delegates should be selected by the mainland to meet a similar number from the island at an early date in order to arrange the details of the organization.

Mr. H. J. B. Harper was present from the Shamrock Club of Vancouver, and he brought a message from that club with reference to the Shamrock still lead, although only by two points, the Celtics being a close second. Next in order come the Rovers, with the Columbia

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Return Match. The Victoria Intermediates have received a letter from A. E. Duchesne, secretary of the Vancouver Intermediates, in which he states that it would be most convenient for the Terminal City boys to come down for their return match on January 2. The Victoria will probably agree to that date.

Game Postponed. The Rugby games between the Victoria and Vancouver seniors, which were arranged to take place at Brockton Point next Saturday is not called off, but it has been postponed until after the holidays.

HOCKEY. The Championship Games. The ladies' match, Victoria vs. Vancouver, will start promptly at 1:30 p. m., at Oak Bay tomorrow afternoon. Arrangements have been made with the B. C. Electric Railway for a ten-minute service to Oak Bay, commencing at 1 p. m. The annual meeting of the British Columbia Hockey League will be held at the Balmoral hotel this evening at 8 o'clock. The complete schedule of the league will be drawn up and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

K. Schofield, the Victoria captain, came down from Vancouver last night and hopes to lead his team to victory tomorrow afternoon.

Ladysmith vs. Nanaimo. Ladysmith, Dec. 14.—On the 26th of this month, that day being a holiday, Ladysmith will send a hockey team up to Nanaimo to meet the team from that city. Arrangements for the match have almost been completed, and a hot contest will be looked for. Among the Ladysmith players are the former captain of the Victoria Intermediates, the former captain of the Nanaimo club and others, who will help to make the match a very interesting one.

The Ladysmith boys expect to give Nanaimo a run for their money, as that team has been slightly weakened by the loss of two first-class players, the handers. Great interest is manifested in this match as it is the first of its kind that has ever been on the programme in this city. The Ladysmith team consists of the following players: H. Hewlett, T. Teague, T. Winsky, R. MacIn, C. Parkes, S. Monson, S. Pearce, G. Gillespie, J. Crossan, J. Holmes, W. Frost and H. Ward.

The Nanaimo team will be picked from the following: J. McNeil, T. McKinnon, W. Penock, T. Colles, A. Wilson, G. Haslam, H. Harrison, C. Kirkman, L. Gordon, C. Grant, J. Newbury, A. Yates.

BASKETBALL. Soldiers Victorious. The J. B. A. intermediate team went down to defeat last evening the Drill Hall against the regimental retrievers of No. 5 Company. The game started at 8:10 a. m., with the Drill Hall in the lead. The soldiers were in excellent condition at the start which made the game very fast and furious. The match continued until the final whistle at 10:15. The Drill Hall won by a score of 15 to 10.

The game was a very close one, with the Drill Hall leading for most of the time. The soldiers played very well, but the Drill Hall's superior play in the end proved too much for them.

The Drill Hall's victory was a well-deserved one, as they played a very fast and efficient game throughout. The soldiers' play was also very good, but they were unable to keep up with the Drill Hall's pace.

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Adam proved a host in himself, and was all over the floor at once, seemingly. Dykes was sustaining a magnificent defence, always securing the ball from a pass or a scrum. Ladysmith attacked the Vancouver team, but Rosewall broke it up. The slippery floor hampered the players, and no doubt many good players were spoiled by this hindrance.

Adam threw a long one out to McKinnon, who almost scored. Dykes' chest and just before half time Bennett clipped the basket. McKinnon dropped the ball in just as the whistle blew. It was disallowed and the score remained unchanged, viz., 4-1.

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### SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE NEEDS ASSISTANCE

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I would therefore respectfully mention that what is wanted in the first place is a more suitable building, under unimpaired patronage, in a more convenient locality, where our seamen who daily come into port and have a few hours' leisure before leaving again, and would prefer spending them in a bright and cheerful institute to going elsewhere, may do so without having to go far from the wharf where their ship or steamer is lying, and which might also be available for members of the local Lifeboat Association and Navy League as well.

A shipping agency might also be connected with the same, where seamen might register their names for service and where shipping masters might apply for men free from the influence and inducements to which seamen are exposed when seeking employment. Such a building as above suggested I would mention is at present available in the vicinity of the shipping office on Langley street for a monthly rental of \$20, and which might probably be obtained for less, if matters were represented to the owner thereof by your honorable board.

This gentleman is all I ask of you, namely, that you will guarantee the rent of a new home for the Seamen's Institute in another locality, for it has always been felt that although the institute has done good service in its present location, it is not the most convenient or desirable one that might be selected for an institute of the kind.

Should your honorable board be pleased to grant me the necessary support and patronage I ask for, and the Bishop of Columbia relieved of all financial responsibility of the institute in the future, I shall be glad to take that responsibility upon myself, believing that the support which has hitherto enabled the institute to hold its own will not be lessened in the future under new conditions.

J. S. BAILEY, F. S. S. M., Licensed Missionary and Manager.

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A shipping agency might also be connected with the same, where seamen might register their names for service and where shipping masters might apply for men free from the influence and inducements to which seamen are exposed when seeking employment. Such a building as above suggested I would mention is at present available in the vicinity of the shipping office on Langley street for a monthly rental of \$20, and which might probably be obtained for less, if matters were represented to the owner thereof by your honorable board.

This gentleman is all I ask of you, namely, that you will guarantee the rent of a new home for the Seamen's Institute in another locality, for it has always been felt that although the institute has done good service in its present location, it is not the most convenient or desirable one that might be selected for an institute of the kind.



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Free Silverware with Every Sale.

#### FINANCE AND COMMERCE

**NEW YORK STOCKS.**—The closing of the speculative activity in stocks was very marked today, the total sales for the day making a smaller total than for several previous days. A slight sluggishness in a normal consequence of such a shaking up, as prices have recently sustained and the postponement of this subsidence has been the cause of some surprise. The absence of any selling pressure left the price level constantly above last night and afforded encouragement to persistent renewals of the advance. At the opening of the day was most pronounced and the market most animated, largely on account of a reversal of views which caused the sharp collapse in the late market. But the sensitiveness then demonstrated by the market to the light currents of rumor was an important factor in beginning a spirit of caution which ruled throughout.

The course of Amalgamated Copper was still off. Dominant influences and reactions in the course of its advance brought quick response at other points in the list.

**CLOSING PRICES.**

New York, Dec. 15—Close: Wheat—May, 1.10 1/2; July, 88 1/2; Corn—Dec., 45 1/2; Jan., 45 1/2; May, 45 1/2; July, 45 1/2; Oats—Dec., 29 1/2; Jan., 29 1/2; May, 29 1/2; July, 29 1/2.
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**THE WEATHER.**

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 15—5 p. m.

**SYNOPSIS.**

The storm which yesterday centered in this district rapidly passed eastward into Montana; the pressure quickly increased, and now a vast "high" covers the North Pacific States and the southern portion of this province. Occasional light showers have occurred, and the weather, though cloudy and threatening, Vancouver Island and Western Washington, has been fair south of the Columbia river. In the Northwest the pressure is low and the weather unsettled and, with light showers at scattered points.

**TEMPERATURE.**

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	45	48
New Westminster	45	48
Langford	45	48
Barkerville	45	48
Port Simpson	45	48
Chetwynd	45	48
Winnipeg, Man.	45	48
Portland, Ore.	45	48
San Francisco	45	48

**FORECASTS.**

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Friday:

Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh southerly and easterly winds; chiefly clear with occasional rain and not much change in temperature.

Lower mainland: Southerly winds; cloudy and cool.

**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.**

	Deg.	Wind
5 a.m.	45	45
Noon	45	45
5 p.m.	45	45

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

	Direction	Force
5 a.m.	20 miles west.	
Noon	16 miles west.	
5 p.m.	8 miles west.	

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.282  
Corrected.....30.311

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....30.336

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"I first used Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine with my daughter who suffered from a severe form of asthma. The first exposure to cold would lay her up and she would nearly suffocate for want of breath. I must say I found it to be a most satisfactory remedy, and it has entirely cured her."—Mrs. A. A. VanBuskirk, Robinson street, Moncton, N. B.

**PASSENGERS.**

Passengers per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle: A. J. Kanushsky, W. A. Pierson, L. Ward, Redmond Flood, J. S. Gordon, J. K. McDougall, F. F. Jones, H. J. Little, H. W. Brightwell, John Conway, A. E. Woods, C. E. Harney, G. F. Atkins, Princess Chieftain Co.

**MARINE NOTES.**

Steamer Mackinaw of the Tacoma San Francisco run is now on the way up the coast from San Francisco with a cargo of cement.

Steamer Titania is expected to pass in for Nanaimo on Sunday.

**NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA.**

Mr. George Bolen, Spry, Bruce Co., writes: "I was troubled with nervous dyspepsia for some years, and after using nine boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I felt better than I had for years. I have not used it since, and I am certain the best medicine I ever used, and I say so because I want to give full credit where it is due."

**VICTORIA TIDES.**

The tides at this port today will be as follows:

	Low water	High water
2:38 a.m.	2:38 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
2:38 p.m.	2:38 p.m.	2:38 p.m.

**Williams & Co. for Boys' Recreational and Suits.**

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Next Tuesday's Concert.—In Miss Marrack's concert on Tuesday evening the beautiful trio so seldom heard, "The Soli Quasi Trium," will be sung by Misses M. E. Langworthy and Mr. Olliver. A duet from "The Pirates of Penzance," by Miss Camille O'Meara and Miss Ethel Scott, and some songs in costume, which were made popular by Miss Gie Switzer in her late concert. Tickets sold for reserved seats may be marked at Waitt's music store on Monday and Tuesday.

**DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE.**

It is sent direct to the diseased part, by the Improved Uterine Injector. It cures the disease, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the nose, and gives relief to the sufferer. Catarrh and Hay Fever, Blower Nose. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

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A master will be in attendance at the College each Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p. m. to enter pupils and give information.

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#### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

**DIED.**

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## Esquimalt Yard Has Bad News

Numerous Employers of Naval Dockyard Receive Notice of Dismissal.

Work Continues Until March—Halifax Men Dropped Summarily.

The determination of the admiralty to reduce the permanent establishment at Esquimalt in connection with the British Pacific squadron, in the same manner that Halifax appears fated to virtual elimination as a naval base for an Atlantic fleet, was yesterday officially made manifest in notice to a considerable number of the residents of this city and the naval suburb, variously employed in connection with the dockyard works, that their services will only be required up to the end of March. This is understood to apply to practically all the dockyard employees not of the permanent official staff, and comes as a distinctly disagreeable Christmas surprise. Mr. Fred Davey is happily among the few who retain their work, for the present at all events, but he appears to be almost alone.

In Halifax the dockyard employees would seem to have fared even worse than their fellow-workers of the Pacific station, a despatch from the Nova Scotia capital, yesterday evening, reading as follows:

"Orders were received here today from the British admiralty directing that the naval dockyard be closed down at once. The employees have been given one week's notice. The dockyard has been in existence for 150 years, and the employees at the height of the season numbered 400, falling from that to 100. Under the Fisher administration the British fleet will not be stationed here or at Bermuda, but the work will be performed by a large and powerful flying squadron."

There has been for several weeks past much discussion and speculation as to the effect on Esquimalt of the putting down of the new and revolutionary programme of the new senior lord of the admiralty, Sir John Fisher, who has a comprehensive and radical scheme looking to increased economy in the elimination of all unnecessary naval adjuncts, and the most effective concentration. The organization of a number of powerful and thoroughly modern flying squadrons is held by him to infinitely better guarantee the preservation of British supremacy over the world, and the continuance of numerous isolated squadrons of practically obsolete ships, wasting both men and money that might be better applied.

It has been well understood that Halifax has been bound to suffer in the new arrangement, since there was good argument in the admiralty's position that—removed less than a week's steaming from Plymouth or Portsmouth—the anti-powerful fleet could be stationed concentrated at Halifax at a very few days' notice should situations arise seeming to menace the peace of Canada or the interests of the Dominion.

With respect to Esquimalt, distinctly different conditions presented themselves, the trend of the times being indicative that the Pacific must be the cockpit of future maritime contention, and it being impossible to reach this western seaboard direct from England with anything like the same facility as the Atlantic coast of Canada. It was also pertinently pointed out that in the event of difficulties arising in which British interests were concerned, it would be practically to draw from the naval strength of the Asiatic coast for the protection of Western Canada, as that strength must necessarily be maintained unimpaired.

It is a fact that the admiralty recognized the exceptional position of Esquimalt and the Pacific coast of Canada in connection with the Imperial defence scheme, was evident in the delay for consideration of any action with respect to this station which indicated in official communications. That the Imperial government should not be expected to expend here or elsewhere on ornamental service is a matter of mere common sense. Had the Canadian government manifested a disposition to contribute a fair proportion toward the maintenance of an effective force at Esquimalt, there is no reasonable room for doubt that the station would never have been dreamed of.

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## Minnesota Nears Home

Big Pacific Freighter Reaches San Francisco En Route North.

A Lull in the Movement of the Big Craft—Marine Gossip.

The monster steamship Minnesota, which James J. Hill and his associates built on the Atlantic for the Oriental trade, reached San Francisco Wednesday, nearly at the end of a voyage which began at Norfolk, Va. She will come as a marine Christmas gift to the great northwest. Though no definite announcement has been made as to the date of her departure from the California metropolis, she will doubtless come north on or before Christmas.

The Minnesota is the largest vessel ever seen on the Pacific. She has probably as great, if not the greatest freight carrying capacity of any vessel afloat. Her general dimensions are: Length, 630 feet, beam 72 1/2, depth from keel to upper bridge 30 feet. She has accommodations for 218 first cabin, 800 second cabin and 2,400 steerage passengers and a freight capacity of from 25,000 to 28,000 tons.

The Minnesota's voyage from the Atlantic to the Pacific was without mishap. She will probably make the run from San Francisco to Seattle in three days.

It is estimated that the Minnesota will begin taking on cargo January 21st and that she will sail January 22nd for the Orient.

Announcement of the arrival at San Francisco was received by private telegram to President Farrell and by the Post-Intelligencer in the following Associated Press despatch:

"San Francisco, Dec. 14.—The steamship Minnesota, the largest vessel ever in the Pacific ocean, arrived here today from Norfolk, Va., on the way to Seattle, where she is to enter the service of the Great Northern Railway Company.

From St. Paul the Post-Intelligencer received a special despatch relative to the attendance of the official party from that city which will greet the vessel, as follows:

"St. Paul, Dec. 14.—The official party which will greet the big steamer Minnesota, of the Great Northern Steamship Company, at Seattle, will include members of the heads of departments of the Great Northern railroad, but owing to the change in the state administration few of the state officials will have the opportunity to hail the front seat. That war isn't sufficiently strenuous for the Japanese and so they are importing Rugby football.

That it's a case of pity poor Premier Peters in Prince Edward Island. The only one of his party to go down—and that by a single vote!

## SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Requirements are Explained at Meeting of the Board of Trade.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade the following letter was forwarded by the manager of the Seamen's Institute:

To the President and Members of the Victoria Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.:

Mr. President and Gentlemen,—Having been informed by the patron, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, that owing to a want of proper financial support the Seamen's Institute, which for the past seven or eight years has been located on Store street, is likely to be closed shortly unless other arrangements can be made for carrying it on, I have been desirous to take such steps as I may deem advisable for its continuance, and, therefore, respectfully beg to submit for the consideration of your honorable board the following facts and proposition, with a hope that the members of the same may be able to see their way to granting me the help and support which I desire on behalf of a little help to the men, the seamen of our mercantile service.

Unlike their more fortunate fellow-men of the royal navy, the consideration and care of the temporal needs of our merchant seamen is left to more or less chance legislation and their spiritual care to religious societies or philanthropic Christian friends, while the temporal and spiritual well-being of our naval seamen is considered and provided for by a department of the state, hence the reason for this appeal to your honorable board for help and assistance on behalf of those who cannot help themselves.

During the seven or eight years the institute has been in existence it has done good service by affording our seamen and others a place to resort, where they have been able to meet for social intercourse, to read the books and papers, write their letters, etc., and I think, not only be an injustice to our seamen, but a discredit to a port like Victoria to allow such an institution to be closed, especially at the present time, when there is every likelihood of such an institution being needed more than ever when the new line of shipping, which is to run between this port and Mexico, comes into operation, to say nothing about the extensive improvements which are at present being made for the facilities of more shipping in the harbor of Victoria, and the training ship shortly to be established on this coast.

The institute is well supplied with books, newspapers and periodicals, and the Seamen have their letters written, and is now well known. I believe, not only in every seaport throughout the British empire, but also in various other seaports throughout the world. Seamen have their letters addressed here to await the arrival of ships, and a parcel of literature can always be had for the crews of outgoing ships on application to the manager.

Your honorable board will therefore readily see what the closing of this institute would mean, not only to the seamen of the various ships which

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**HOME FOR AGED SEAMEN.**

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The International Seamen's Union of America, in session here, has decided to establish a home for aged and decrepit seamen and appointed a committee to formulate a plan for the practical realization of the project.

The convention adopted a resolution to the effect that the United States should under which seamen are excluded from the protection of the Chinese exclusion and alien contract labor laws, are opposed to the purpose and intent of the laws and will urge congress to pass a law specifically including seamen in the operation of these acts.

**MARNOED A STOWAWAY.**

Serious Action by Captain of American Passenger Steamer.

An American stowaway was found on board the steamer Ventura, which is being towed by the tugboat, New Zealand, for this city, was marooned by Captain Hayward on a bleak, uninhabited island off the northern coast of New Zealand, and left to look after himself, says the San Francisco Chronicle. No provisions were given to the man and no consideration seemed to have been accorded him, as he was forcibly removed from the liner and rowed ashore by a crew from the Ventura. Many passengers who witnessed the incident, and the unusual manner in which they were treated, but not one took it upon himself to enter a protest with Captain Hayward of the Ventura, by whose order the American was cast adrift. Nobody on the Ventura knew the name of the stowaway. He went aboard the Ventura upon her arrival at Auckland, New Zealand, and sought employment in the steward's department, and was told to apply the following day. He did so, but his services were not wanted, and in his anxiety to reach the United States the man stowed away on the Ventura. After the liner left Auckland, bound for Pago Pago, he appeared on deck, and upon being accosted by the steward, he admitted that he had stowed away and wanted to reach San Francisco. He said he had \$50 in his possession. Acting upon instructions from Captain Hayward, Pursat Brehan demanded the \$50 and informed the man that he would, in addition, be required to work his passage to this city. Upon the fellow's refusal to agree to the master's proposition, he was hustled ashore by the boat's crew and landed upon

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the verdureless isle off the northern coast of New Zealand. No provision was made for his sustenance, according to the officers of the Ventura, and he was left to look out for himself. If he cared to go back to Auckland, they said, he could wade an arm of the sea that separated the island from the mainland or wait for fishing boats that visited the island every Sunday. It was on a Friday that the man was put ashore—on November 25—late in the afternoon. According to many passengers on the Ventura, the arm of the sea that separates the marooned man from the mainland was two miles wide, and at high tide was so deep that vessels of large size floated in its channel. In their opinion, the stowaway would be unable at any stage of the tide to reach the mainland, and was entirely dependent upon any stray coaster that might put in an appearance.

Captain Hayward admitted yesterday that he had put the stowaway ashore on the island, and that he was not sure of the man's fate. "I ordered him put ashore," he said, "and upon refusing to pay his fare or work his way, I ordered him put ashore. The island where he was landed is separated by a spit from the mainland, and at low tide he might wade across. I think a walk of five miles would take him to a village, and his \$50 would take him back to Auckland. The man was drunk and defiant, and I could do was to put him ashore. So I landed him on the island. He was an Englishman."

Passengers on the Ventura, however, say that the man was an American citizen, and that it was an outrage to land him on a bare rock of an island, where he might succumb to exposure and lack of provisions. But nobody on board the liner felt called upon to expostulate with Captain Hayward for his action in the matter. The marooned man, with good fortune, might have been able to get back to the island, but his \$50 would have been lost, and he would have succumbed on his island prison.

**MARBLE FROM GENOA.**

The British bark Lynton, lying at Beale street wharf, San Francisco, has nearly discharged her cargo of Italian marble. Among the cargo were some magnificent pieces of stone. The largest block weighed a seventeen tons, and was one of the purest pieces of Genoa marble ever brought to this coast. There were also a bare rock of an island, where he might succumb to exposure and lack of provisions. But nobody on board the liner felt called upon to expostulate with Captain Hayward for his action in the matter. The marooned man, with good fortune, might have been able to get back to the island, but his \$50 would have been lost, and he would have succumbed on his island prison.

**MARINE NOTES.**

Captain Reuben Lawrence, who in the early days of the wheat export trade was well known as master of the ship Triumph, and other wheat carriers, and who of late years has been in the oil trade between New York and the Orient, died last Tuesday at Kobe. He was at that time in command of the ship "Aurea," which was about ready to sail homeward.

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CALIFORNIA TABLE RAISINS, per lb. .... 15c.

DEHESA CLUSTERS, Table Raisins, per lb. .... 25c.

SMYRNA FIGS, per lb. .... 15c.

GREY FIGS (in Baskets), per lb. .... 15c.

CALIFORNIA TABLE FIGS, is pks., 2 for ..... 25c.

CALIFORNIA WHITE COOKING FIGS, 3 lbs. for ..... 25c.

CALIFORNIA BLACK COOKING FIGS, per lb. .... 10c.

STUFFED DATES (in Boxes), each ..... 50c.

PANCA CALIFORNIA PRUNES, 4 lbs. for ..... 25c.

FRENCH PRUNES (in Glass), each ..... 75c.

VALENCIA ALMONDS (Shelled), per lb. .... 35c.

JORDAN ALMONDS (Shelled), per lb. .... 65c.

NEW CALIFORNIA WALNUTS, per lb. .... 20c.

NEW JAPAN WALNUTS, 2 lbs. for ..... 25c.

NEW ALMONDS (paper shell), per lb. .... 25c.

SWEET CIDER, per Bottle ..... 25c.

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# NEWS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

## Recent Happenings in Connection With the Two Imperial Services.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The sweeping changes foreseen in these notes some weeks ago will shortly be carried into effect, so far as the distribution of our squadrons at home and abroad is concerned. The ships composing the Channel fleet will be renamed the Atlantic fleet, under the command of Rear-Admiral W. H. May. It consists of eight battleships of the Albatross type and four first-class cruisers. It will operate in a measure with the North American and West Indies squadrons, thus assuring the defence of Canada and our trans-Atlantic colonies and possessions.

The present home fleet will be renamed the Channel fleet, under the command of Sir Arthur K. Wilson, V. C., with its base at Portland. It will be composed of eight up-to-date battleships, the Queen Elizabeth, under command of Rear-Admiral E. S. Poe, will be increased from six to twelve armored cruisers of from 21 to 23 knots speed, and divided into two divisions, one of which will be under a senior post captain or commander. One division will accompany the other with the Atlantic fleet and the other with the Channel fleet, but both will be available for detached service, and together will form a most formidable fighting squadron in every sense of the term.

The Mediterranean fleet will be composed of battleships and swift cruisers, only the smallest and slowest ships having been ordered home. Lord Charles Beresford will shortly take over the command. The creation of the Atlantic fleet and the strengthening of the cruiser squadron make its reduction an easy matter if necessary. Until hostilities break in the Far East, the China squadron will remain at its present strength—five battleships, two armored cruisers, seven protected cruisers and some smaller ships. A new training squadron of ten modern cruisers will be formed with nucleus crews of specialists in gunnery, torpedo and other work and all the skilled men for fighting the ships. In peace the complement will be made up of cadets, boys and seamen in training. In event of war the places of these will be taken by trained officers and men, and thus another squadron will be available for war service.

Great modifications will be made in the coast guard service, the members of which number close on 4,000 of all ranks. This force will be utilized for manning the battleships and the various cruisers. The details for this, however, have not yet been worked out or finally settled.

The sum total of all these impending changes is that the fighting efficiency of the British navy will be doubled. It is understood that the reduction of the battalions of the Royal Garrison Regiment will begin early in the New Year. Consequently a goodly portion of the rank and file may be expected to come home by the end of the financial year—the 31st March. This, of course, subject to the carrying out of Mr. Arnold-Forster's alleged improvement scheme.

Second Lieutenant James A. Ballentine, 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, who has been posted to the West African regiment in Sierra Leone, has had a varied career. He joined the Canadian Mounted Rifles during the late war, and from the Rifles was given a commission in the Imperial Yeomanry, and three years ago from the latter he was given a second lieutenantcy in the Lancashire Fusiliers. Mr. Ballentine will rank as lieutenant in the W. A. R.

## MUST HAVE AMERICAN CREWS.

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## GAELIC'S LAST VOYAGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The steamer Gaelic, of the Occidental & Oriental Company's fleet, sailed yesterday for the Orient on her last voyage from this port. She carried thirteen cabin passengers, about 200 Chinese and Japanese, and a full cargo, including leather and machinery for Japan. On reaching Hongkong the Gaelic will go to Belfast, to be retired from the ocean service.

## SAXONIA DUE THIS WEEK.

Advices were received on Tuesday by J. T. Steeb, Tacoma agent of the Kosmos Hamburg-American line, that the steamship Saxonia, 3,316 tons, and Pacific, that will arrive Monday for Seattle and Tacoma. The Saxonia is due in Tacoma Friday, and will load a large quantity of freight on the Sound for South American ports, chiefly flour, lumber and coal.

## WAR RISKS CLIMBING HIGHER.

Cables from London by way of San Francisco report that the war risks for February shipments will be 1/2 per cent. Rates for December and January remain at 1/4 per cent, but it is presumed the London market fear there will be a rise in the Pacific. The Baltic fleet reaches the other side, and as there are immense lots of flour and other freight to leave the Pacific Coast in January and February, risks have stiffened accordingly. Inquiries are already brisk for coverings.

## FINE WEATHER OFF HORN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A recent arrival is the British ship Eva Montgomery, Captain Doeherty, 184 days from Leth and 153 days from Newcastle, Eng. She carried a large cargo of merchandise. Contrary to the usual reports of weather off Cape Horn, the Montgomery was in no storms off the great headland, but had such an easy and pleasant time rounding into the Pacific that all hands were enjoying the spring of the year in that part of the world.

## MISHAP TO OANFA.

White Funnel Liner Grounded at Port in Holland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A despatch to the Merchants Exchange from Measulius, Holland, says the steamer Oanfa, bound from Tacoma to Liverpool, has grounded, but will probably get off at the next high tide.

The White Funnel liner Oanfa, Capt. Bartlett, sailed from Tacoma September 1 for Liverpool and Glasgow, via Japan and China. She is reportedly employed in the service of the Liverpool-Tacoma line.

Mail advice received by Dodwell & Co., Pacific Coast agents of the line, are to the effect that the Oanfa will sail January 4 from Hirkhead on her return voyage to Tacoma.

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## MONEY FOR THE WEST.

Canadian Bank of Commerce Will Issue Balance of Stock.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—To meet the requirements of its expanding Canadian business the directors of the Canadian Bank of Commerce passed a resolution providing for the issue of \$1,300,000, the balance of the authorized capital stock of \$10,000,000. The new issues will be allotted to shareholders of the record of January 12, 1905, at which date the books will close. The proportion of allotment will be one new share for every 6.69-100 of old stock. The stock which is in \$50 shares will be issued at \$70, that is at 140, in comparison with today's price of old stock on exchange at 164. The new issue will bring in a premium of \$20,000. The development of the west is expected to call more and more on the facilities furnished by the banks for business, and it is the intention of the management to be ready for that development. The construction of the C. T. P. and the extension of the Canadian Northern will be accompanied or quickly followed by an opening of branches along these lines.

## LADYSMITH NOTES.

Lumber Mills Close Down Owing to Lack of Orders.

Ladysmith, Dec. 14.—Seventy men are thrown out of work by the closing down of the Ladysmith Lumber Company's mill at Fiddick's Junction. Half of these are white men, many of whom are working in the woods getting out the logs. The cause given for the shut-down is the want of orders. The accounts say that as the United States are allowed to ship their lumber free into this country (Canada) it is cutting out the trade of these mills in British Columbia.

The marriage of Mr. Joseph Tassam, the well-known proprietor of the King's hotel, and Miss Teresa Conti took place Monday morning. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate Thomson at the government office. The happy couple will take up their residence in this city on their return from their honeymoon trip.

The shingle mill of the Ladysmith Lumber Company is again running full blast. As the tug Sadie brought in a boom of shingle bolts, the mill, however, has been forced to close down for lack of orders. This is the first time since the mill has been running.

The store windows are presenting a very attractive appearance just now as the merchants are doing their best to outdo each other in making their places of business in general very presentable.

## TREE SEEDS

IN DEMAND

Douglas Fir and B. C. Cedar Wanted for Reforestation in Europe.

No higher compliment could possibly be paid the Douglas fir and Western cedar than is indicated in the expressed desire of the forestry experts of Denmark, certain large areas of Prussia, Norway, European Russia and Sweden, to secure the seed of these magnificent native trees of British Columbia for the re-forestation of the deforested districts of the countries named.

Brief reference was made to this matter in a recent issue of the Colonist. Further particulars were yesterday obtained from Mr. M. J. Henry, the veteran nurseryman of Vancouver, who has been commissioned to secure something like 2,500 pounds of the much-wanted tree seeds, for export chiefly to Denmark.

The procuring and transportation of any large quantity of young trees would involve too great expense to the United States of America to be considered practical. The seeds must therefore be depended upon in such a gigantic undertaking as is had in view by the various European forestry experts. "I am exceedingly anxious," said Mr. Henry to a Canadian representative yesterday, "to execute the commission, and will be glad to take all the clean Douglas fir and cedar seed I can get, paying \$1.50 per pound for the former, and \$2 a pound for the latter. These seeds can easily be secured by gathering the cones from the trees, or after they have fallen, and spreading them out on a tight floor, or on sheets of paper in a dry room. A few days of sun-drying will open the seeds will drop out by stirring them over occasionally. The seed can then be cleaned with very little trouble by the use of a sieve or by pouring from one receptacle to another in a slight breeze to separate the light seed and the dirt. "I want all the seed I can buy, and there is good money in it for those who will take a little trouble. To anyone living in the neighborhood of logging operations particularly there is a good opportunity to make money. The cones can easily be collected by the sackful, and the rest is easy. The use of abandoned kilns, or even common boxes, slightly warmed, provides a quick and convenient method of treating the cones. I hope that anyone having seed to sell will advise me as soon as possible as to the quantity available, and I will at once send directions as to shipping."

Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and wire like steel.

## AMERICAN SHIPPING.

Lack of Adequate Mercantile Marine Subject of Memorial.

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—The Merchant Marine League of the United States sent out a statement setting forth the views of the league in its efforts to reestablish the mercantile marine of the United States. In part the statement explains that the purposes of forming this league were broadly stated in the resolutions adopted at its formation. The sentiment of the people at large will continue to form the more interest taken the more nearly correct must be that sentiment.

The decadence of the foreign marine of the United States is a fact recognized in political platforms and various other all hands. The evils are so apparent as to call only for emphasis by considering details.

Two things go hand in hand: A merchant marine sufficient to prevent undue dependence on foreign ships, a navy adequate in time of peace to furnish the assurance, and, where necessary, the fact of protection to our commerce and our ships and goods engaged in it and their terminals.

The Merchant Marine League of the United States, not in any wise or in any degree whatsoever wedded to a specific method or involved in or with any particular interest, seeks to aid in accomplishing this noble end by means and by methods which shall alike be creditable to us as a nation and include the greatest justice and general good. How shall this be done. Several methods of dealing with the question have been brought forward from time to time. The most prominent are, perhaps, subsidies, discriminating duties, bounties or subventions simply, postal subsidy or subvention, tonnage tax from which shall be a fund for the construction of the ships. The latter is permissible that, without endeavoring in a servile manner to harmonize incongruous elements, it should be possible to settle upon what seems best of the various plans and formulate a bill which will at least get the matter started.

The time used in Pacific standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Especially for Dry Dock.—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. P. N. Denison.

For time of high water add 15 minutes to high water at Victoria.

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## THE DEUCALION'S SMART TIME.

The Blue Funnel line steamship Deucalion, Capt. George D. Keay, which sailed from Tacoma November 24 with general cargo for the Orient and Europe, arrived at Yokohama Monday. The fleet liner made the voyage in seventeen days, beating the steamer Shawmut and Trenton, both of which sailed ahead of the Deucalion. Dodwell & Co., agents of the Blue Funnel line, received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival of the Deucalion Monday.

## WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, December 15, 1904.

During the first two days of the week the high pressure maintained its position over the North Pacific States, but gradually gave way as ocean storm areas, which had been hovering over our coast, developed. On Friday, the 9th, the pressure fell to 29.48 at Port Simpson, and a heavy gale moved down the coast and entered at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca and the mouth of the Columbia river; the progress of the storm was, however, checked by the increase of barometric pressure from California northward, and the disturbance was forced eastward through Cassiar and Cariboo into the Territories. On Sunday, the 11th, the pressure rose to 29.84 at Port Simpson, and a heavy gale moved down the coast and entered at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca and the mouth of the Columbia river; the progress of the storm was, however, checked by the increase of barometric pressure from California northward, and the disturbance was forced eastward through Cassiar and Cariboo into the Territories. On Sunday, the 11th, the pressure rose to 29.84 at Port Simpson, and a heavy gale moved down the coast and entered at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca and the mouth of the Columbia river; the progress of the storm was, however, checked by the increase of barometric pressure from California northward, and the disturbance was forced eastward through Cassiar and Cariboo into the Territories.

At Dawson the weather has been mostly fair, three inches of snow fell on the 7th, and the temperature has ranged from 20 above to 6 degrees below zero. In Eastern Oregon and Washington snow has fallen. Temperatures have on the whole been somewhat higher on the immediate coast, but about normal inland.

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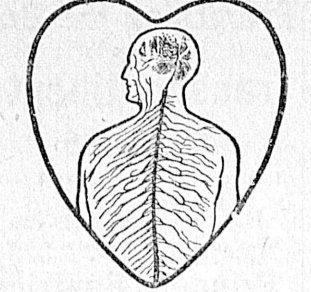
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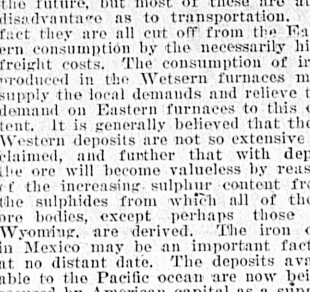
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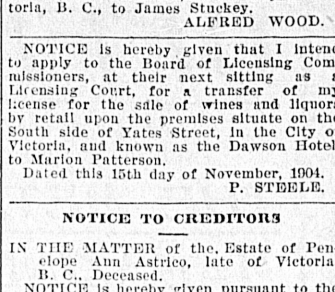
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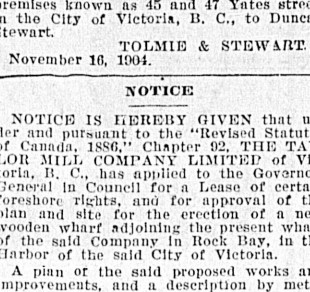
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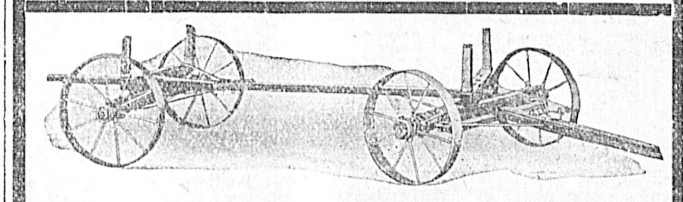
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